

be replaced by analog video signals of another of the plural computers in response to the combined analog signal that is output to the first monitor via the user-side interface.

17 25. The system as claimed in claim ¹⁶24, further comprising:

a digital backplane; and

an analog backplane, wherein keyboard information is routed from the computer-side interface to the user-side interface on the digital backplane independent of the analog video signals that are routed from the computer-side interface to the user-side interface on the analog backplane.--

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

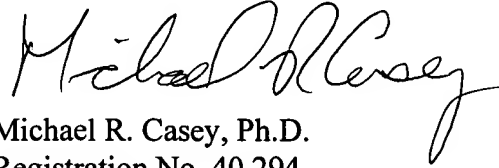
Claims 9-25 are currently pending in this application and are ready for an examination on the merits. These claims have been added herewith to provide an alternate scope of protection not claimed in either of the parent applications.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of a personal interview extended to Applicants' representative, Michael R. Casey, on June 1, 1999. During the interview, the reissue and interference requests for U.S. Patent Number 5,732,212 (now serial number 09/228,747) were discussed with respect to the proposed claims. Although no agreement was reached on the patentability of the proposed claims, Applicants' representative discussed that the claims are distinguishing from the invention of the '212 patent. It is believed that the pending claims are patentably distinct from any claim that can be presented in the '212 patent.

Consequently, the pending claims are believed to be patentably distinguishing over the prior art and in condition for an examination on the merits. An early allowance is respectfully requested.

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